Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) About 9 months.

(*c*) Yes.

Improving and repairing the dam below the Erappupalam.

72. ***Mr. K. Shahul Hameed:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether tenders had been invited in 1119 for the work of improving and repairing the dam below the Erappu palam across the Mamom river in Chirayinkil taluk;

(*b*) with whom has the work been entrusted; and

(*c*) when would the work be completed?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No tender was received and hence work could not be arranged.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to (b).

Amount allotted for Maramat Department.

73. ***Mr. A. N. Satyanesan:** Will the Government be pleased to state the amount allotted for Maramat Department and the amount actually spent by the Department in 1119?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: The total grant allotted in 1119 for Maramat works including the amount sanctioned for Devaswom Maramat works is Rs. 3,19,477. The amount actually spent by the Maramat Section of the P. W. D. can be ascertained only after the supplemental accounts are closed.

Kuttapuzha Canal.

74. ***Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker** (*Mavelikara and Tiruvalla cum Pattanamthitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether provision was made in the budgets of last five years for opening Kuttapuzha canal in Tiruvalla taluk;

(*b*) the amounts alloted and spent each year from 1939;

(*c*) the probable area of paddy land that may be benefited by the flow of water through this canal; and

(*d*) the probable year when the work will be completed?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Vide *statement attached.

(*c*) 2216 acres.

(*d*) It is not possible to say now.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: May I know from the honourable member whether the lands necessary to open the canal have already been acquired?

*Vide Appendix- I.

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